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Human Development Index
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recently released report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India could climb only five places from 135th to 130th in 188 countries in Human Development Index for 2014;
(b) if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) the details of parameters where India is lagging behind; and
(d) the efforts being made by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

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(a) to(c): As per the Human Development Report (HDR) 2015 of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Human Development Index (HDI) value for India was 0.609 in 2014 which improved from 0.604 in 2013. As per the HDR 2015 India was placed at 130th position out of 188 countries in 2014 whereas India's HDI rank was 131 in 2013. It has been clarified in the report that International Data Agencies continuously improve their data series. Therefore, year to year changes in the HDI values and rankings across different editions of the HDR are not strictly comparable.

India's HDI trends based on consistent time series data are given in the Table below.Over the years India has registered a consistent improvement in HDI value which increased from 0.496 in 2000 to 0.586 in 2010 and further to 0.609 in 2014. India has registered average annual HDI growth of 0.97 percent in 2010-14.

Table: India's HDI trends

Years	Life Expected at birth	Mean years of schooling	GNI per capita (2011 schooling PPP$)	HDI value
1980	53.9	6.4	1.9	1,255	0.362
1985	55.8	7.3	2.4	1,446	0.397
1990	57.9	7.7	3.0	1,754	0.428
1995	60.4	8.3	3.5	2,046	0.462
2000	62.6	8.5	4.4	2,522	0.496
2005	64.5	9.9	4.8	3,239	0.539
2010	66.5	11.1	5.4	4,499	0.586
2011	66.9	11.7	5.4	4,745	0.597
2012	67.3	11.7	5.4	4,909	0.600
2013	67.6	11.7	5.4	5,180	0.604
2014	68.0	11.7	5.4	5,497	0.609

Source: 'Briefing note for countries on the 2015 Human Development Report, India'

(d): The Government''s strategy of achieving high growth rate by generating more employment opportunities and strengthening social infrastructure such as public health and education through implementation of flagship programmes like National Health Mission (NHM), Sarva Sikhsha Abhiyaan (SSA), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), poverty alleviation by providing wage and self-employment, safe drinking water, Swachh Bharat Mission, etc. have impacted the human well-being positively and are expected to further improve India's social indicators.